

Epping Forest District Council Representations to the Draft Local Plan Consultation 2016 (Regulation 18)

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Letter or Email Response:

I would like to express my concerns and objections to the Epping Forest District Local Plan - Draft Consultation 2016. First of all I object to more erosion of the Green Belt. The proposed approximate estimate of 1.5% release of land in the Green Belt in EFD is indeed shocking. I believe most residents in Epping wish to protect the Green Belt and prevent urban sprawl. In particular in Lower Bury Lane we have already lost Green Belt to St John's School and the housing development built on the old school site. We understood that these were very exceptional circumstances. To now demolish the Cricket Club, Bowls Club and Tennis Club in Lower Bury Lane in order to build housing estates on this site and on land along Bury Lane would cause a considerable increase in traffic. This would be a danger to the children who are forced to walk in the road to/from the school every day due to the lack of pedestrian pavements in Lower Bury Lane, and would significantly increase the risk of accidents. Added to this, losing sports facilities used by the local community, and public open space and trees that protect us from flooding would surely be a backward and costly step. Finally, the traffic in Epping has increased over the years and it is difficult to find parking spaces in Tesco's at times, in the car parks, in the town and at the station. There is regularly traffic congestion at the Bell traffic lights, the Bury Lane mini roundabout, St John's Church mini roundabout, Station Road mini roundabout and when entering/leaving Epping at each end. In addition to the parking and traffic issues, which are even greater on Mondays (market day), Epping really cannot support further housing/residents until the infrastructure and overstretched GP practices, hospitals and schools have been considered thoroughly.

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